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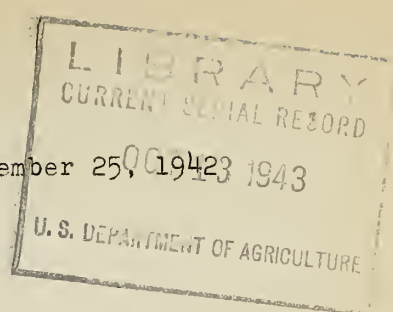


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Marketing Administration  
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1942

CHEESE GRADERS' MEMORANDUM NO. 11



To: All Cheese Graders

From: Rob R. Slocum, Senior Marketing Specialist, Dairy & Poultry Branch  
AMA

Subject: Marking of Weight on Packages in which Cheese is Shipped.

Complaints are still being received from destination points that the boxes in which cheese purchased by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is shipped are marked with more than one weight. This causes a great deal of confusion concerning the actual weight of the cheese. Instances are also reported where one weight is marked on each end of the box. These weights are apparently intended to represent the weight of each cheese packed in the box. This applies particularly where so called octagonal or New Zealand type boxes are used.

On page three of Cheese Graders' Memorandum No. 5, dated July 9, 1942, attention was called to the fact that it is important that cheese containers be marked with only one weight, preferably to be stamped or stenciled and in any event to be applied in such a manner that the correct weights will be clearly legible upon arrival at destination. We again call your attention to the necessity for showing only one weight on the packages in which cheese is shipped. Even though more than one cheese is contained in a box, the combined weight of the cheese, not two or more separate weights, should be marked on the container.

It is essential that the marking of weight on cheese boxes be correctly done, if confusion and difficulty are to be avoided. We urgently request that you make every effort to see that the weight is marked on cheese packages as instructed above.

Rob R. Slocum



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Food Distribution Administration  
Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1943

CHEESE GRADERS MEMORANDUM

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF

To: Cheese Graders

From: B. J. Ommodt, Senior Marketing Specialist, Inspection and Grading Division, Dairy and Poultry Branch

Subject: Procedure to be Followed in the Grading and Stamping of Containers and Preparation of Grading Certificates for Cheese Purchased by the FSCC under Announcement FSC-1265

The Food Distribution Administration announces that it intends to purchase American Cheddar Cheese under the terms of Announcement FSC-1265, a copy of which is attached with amendments. Offers may be submitted at any time and notice of acceptance will be filed at Washington, D. C. not later than midnight of the second business day after receipt of the offer. Offers, if accepted, will become contracts with the FSCC.

**QUANTITY:** Offers are preferred in maximum carlots but may be for any quantity in multiples of not less than a minimum carload. On delivery, a tolerance of 3 percent, in pounds, will be permitted on the total quantity contracted, provided no carlot shipment shall be less than a minimum carlot for the classification territory in which the shipment originates.

**QUALITY:** All cheese shall be at least ten days old at the time of inspection. Also note that both U.S. No. 1 and U. S. No. 2 cheese may be offered and that mixed carlots will be accepted. The quality requirements are clearly stated in the announcement under each grade specification. Further, note that U. S. No. 2 cheese may now be offered and do not confuse the U. S. No. 2 specification with that of U. S. No. 2A in Announcement FSC-758.

**MARKING AND PACKING:** Particular attention should be given to the markings of the cheese and containers to see that they conform with contract requirements. All of the required markings with the possible exception of the contract number shall be on the boxes at the time the cheese is graded. Also, note that scale boards are required next to the top and bottom of each individual cheese. Containers should be of the type and style specified in the offer and the cheese shall fit the containers as required in the attached container specifications, FSC-1714B.

**STAMPING CONTAINERS WITH USDA LOT NUMBERS:** Where the cheese is held in a plant or private warehouse, each container shall be stamped with a USDA lot number. Where the cheese is held in a public warehouse, it will not be necessary to stamp each individual container with a USDA lot number, as the warehouse lot numbers can be used for identification. In the stamping of carlots of mixed grades, a separate USDA lot shall be used for each grade unless the stamp permits the use of a sub-lot number in connection with the USDA lot number.

**CERTIFICATES COVERING CARLOTS OF MIXED GRADES:** Certificates covering carlots of mixed grades should separately indicate those vats graded U. S. No. 1 and those graded U. S. No. 2. The number of packages and the total pounds of each grade shall also be shown separately on the certificate. The certificate must

show the number of vats accepted and the number (if any) that are rejected in order to provide necessary information for auditing the certification on the certificate of the amount of the fees and charges that the vendor is to be reimbursed by the FSCC.

**FEES AND EXPENSES:** All inspection fees and charges including the cost of grading, weighing, and moisture determination shall be paid by the vendor (see attached copy of Special Notice to Vendors of Cheddar Cheese, Dated February 12, 1943). The FSCC will reimburse the vendor for all fees and charges for grading, weighing, and moisture determination of the actual cheese delivered to the FSCC. It will not reimburse the vendor for any part of the fees and charges that are applicable to cheese that is rejected or cheese that is not delivered to the FSCC. In determining the correct amount for which the vendor is to be reimbursed, the total amount for the fees and charges for grading, weighing, and moisture determination should be divided by the total number of vats graded including those that are accepted and those that are rejected and this amount should then be multiplied by the number of vats accepted. The correct amount for which the vendor is to be reimbursed by FSCC should be shown on the grading certificate in the manner prescribed in paragraph 3 of Special Notice to Vendors of Cheddar Cheese, which is attached.